

Grade Seven Gives Back

A Research-Based Service Project

Step One: Defining How Each of Us Would Like to Make a Difference

What is the task?

What questions do I need to answer?

Step Two: Information Seeking Strategies

What are all possible sources to check?

What are the best possible sources to check?

Step Three: Locating Information

Where can I find these sources?

Where can I find information within the source?

Step Four: Use of Information

Which information do I expect to find in this source?

Which information is most useful?

Step Five: Synthesis

How will I organize my information?

How will I present it?

Step Six: Evaluation

What was most effective about my research process? Least? Why?

What was most effective about my research project? Least? Why?

We will be improving our digital literacy skills by participating in a variety of web searches, blogging on our classroom blog, <http://gradeseventgivesback.wordpress.com> and participating on Working Together 2 Make a Difference <http://workingtogether2makeadifference.ning.com>.

What happens when the research is over?

You will actually begin taking steps to make a difference and give back to your community. As you do so, you will keep a journal and write guest posts on our classroom blog. Your journal and blog entries will eventually be transformed into several different types of writing: memoir, short story, poetry, and essay writing.

You will have the opportunity to continue blogging and sharing the good work that you are doing in Working Together 2 Make a Difference too!